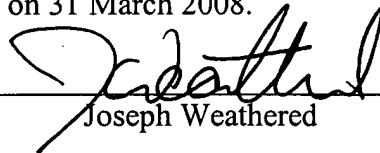




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In response to the Office Action of 19 March 2008, applicant hereby elects Species A (Figures 7-9) for continued prosecution in the application. Pending claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 13, 15-21, 30, 31, and 45-49 are believed to read on the elected species.